

Corequisites: ED 2180, ED 2690

Prerequisites: ED 1100, ED 1160

I: COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Through experiential growth and the support of academic course work, the student is able to further solidify his/her philosophy of early childhood education, while incorporating this into improved teaching techniques. Students are expected to plan and carry out activities designed to extend children's play and learning opportunities and to exhibit developmentally appropriate and anti-biased practices. Added responsibility is placed on the student to lead group experiences as well. Students are scheduled for a one-week block at the start of this third placement to help in their orientation to their assigned field practicum setting.

II: LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE:

Upon Successful completion of this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- 1. Display All of the Competencies Outlined in the Early Childhood Education "Progress Review Form - Semester III, at Least at a "Satisfactory" Level.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- *utilize competencies acquired in Semester II as a foundation for achieving the objectives for Semester III*
- *submit relevant planning forms one week in advance*
- *initiate discussions with the Supervising Teacher regarding on-going progress*
- *complete duties and responsibilities in a responsible and professional manner*
- *use language appropriate to child's developmental level*

- 2. Present Developmentally-based Anti-biased Curriculum to Children and Determine Appropriate Follow-up Activities or Variations.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- *based on careful observations, assess children's developmental needs, both individually and those of the group*
- *research and implement relevant curriculum ideas which are developmentally appropriate, inclusive and anti-biased*
- *analyze the merit and success of curriculum plans and implemented activities*
- *revise ideas based on teacher suggestions and on cues from children*
- *extend children's learning, both in one-to-one and in group situations, and take advantage of teachable moments*
- *initiate positive interactions and use positive guidance to promote compliance*

3. Utilize Positive Guidance Techniques Effectively.

Potential Elements of the Performance

- *monitor and assess children's skills at peer group entry, emotional regulation, conflict resolution, and at maintaining play*
- *develop intervention strategies for improving children's social skills and peer relations*
- *support children's efforts at relating to peers and others*
- *model appropriate social skills*
- *provide appropriate choices for children*
- *present appropriate alternatives for facilitating child guidance*
- *intervene effectively in conflict situations*

4. Perform One's Professional Role Conscientiously

Potential Elements of the Performance

- *follow through on commitments*
- *use body language physical actions and facial expressions consistent with emotions*
- *maintain confidentiality and perform consistently within ethical standards*
- *communicate and respond in ways which increase team effectiveness*
- *assume increased responsibility in the daily program*

5. Examine One's Teaching Behaviours Realistically and Follow Through on Suggested Alternatives

Potential Elements of the Performance

- *analyze his/her own teaching competence*
- *utilize feedback from performance video, Supervising Teacher (s), and College Faculty, to assess one's teaching behaviours and effect change as warranted*
- *establish goals for improvement by using the Progress Review Form Three regularly and by referring to this course outline on an on-going basis.*

III. TOPICS:

Refer to "Early Childhood Education Progress Review Three"

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Texts: *These resource books will be used over the course of the 4 semesters of field work.*

1. *Developmental Profiles: Birth to Six, K.E. Allen & L.R. Marotz, Delmar; ISBN# 0827386052*
2. *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in ECE Programs, Bredekamp & Copple, NAEYC*
3. Students must purchase a **NAME TAG** for wearing during field placement. The following must be indicated: student's full name, Sault College, Early Childhood Education Program.
For further details regarding dress requirements, see the Field Work Policies.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM

Field practicum consists of two days per week in an assigned field placement setting. A block at the start of the placement will aid in the student's assimilation into the program of the childcare setting. As well, a one week rotational block in the CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER at Sault College is required, during which students are required to arrange for a classmate to take notes and to keep the student current with assignments, etc.

Learning outcomes are achievable through the support and feedback of the Supervising Teacher and College Supervising Faculty. ***The student must demonstrate all of the competencies outlined in Progress Review Three satisfactorily in order to receive a passing grade.***

At the beginning of the placement, the student will be given a Field Placement Binder which will contain the necessary record keeping forms, contracts, and placement procedures to follow. It is crucial that the student read and understand all of the policies and procedures outlined, in order that they can fulfill their contract with the placement.

Guidelines for professionalism and for fulfilling responsibilities must be followed (see Field Placement Policies). **THE STUDENT'S BINDER MUST BE KEPT AT THE PLACEMENT, AND ALL ACTIVITY FORMS SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE BINDER. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE STUDENT MAKE A PHOTOCOPY IF SHE/HE NEEDS TO REFER TO THE FORM OUTSIDE OF THE PLACEMENT.**

The student will take **responsibility for keeping an accurate record of hours worked and completed "Activity Requirements"** at their placement. The student must review the "Minimum Activity Requirements" with the Supervising Teacher at the beginning of the placement. These dates are noted on the student's Time Sheet which is to be posted at the placement for easy referral. The Supervising Teacher will place his/her initial next to the date once the activity has been completed.

If the activities have not been completed as scheduled, this will be noted. Students may only reschedule activities for reasons which meet the accepted criteria (see Field Work Policies).

Students must follow the established procedures for evaluation of progress at mid-term and at the end of the placement. ***If these procedures are not followed, the placement may be in jeopardy, and the student may be terminated and/or will have to repeat the placement.***

EVALUATION PROCEDURES:

1. **REQUEST** on-going feedback from the placement staff/Supervising Teacher.
2. **SUBMIT** a completed form at mid-term and end of term, one week prior to the scheduled evaluation date (See Field Work Schedule).
3. **DISCUSS** the evaluation comments with the Supervising Teacher and sign the evaluation form in her presence. *(Your signature means that you understand and agree with the evaluation). If you disagree with any part of the evaluation, your reasons are to be written down on the form with your signature next to your comments/reasons for disagreement. You must provide examples to support your disagreement.*
4. **RELIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY** for actions are emphasized. Field practicum is considered to be a job placement.
5. **NOTIFY** the placement *and the College Supervising Faculty* when unable to report in at the scheduled time.
6. **FIELD WORK GRADE:** The student will be assigned a grade by the ECE faculty based on the combined evaluations and observations completed by the Supervising Teacher and College Faculty. *If an evaluation is not satisfactory and/or an R grade is received, the placement hours accumulated will not be counted in the student's total, and this placement must be repeated. The student must successfully complete Semester I prior to registering for Semester II Field Work, etc.*

If evaluation forms are incomplete or are submitted beyond the due date, then a failure grade (R) or an X-grade for the placement may apply.

GRADING:

- S - Consistently Satisfactory Performance
- U - Consistently Unsatisfactory Performance
- X - as per College policy
- R - "Repeat" - indicated failure to meet required competency level of that semester and field work course must be repeated.
- W - Withdrawal from course after the "drop deadline"

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

- **Special Needs**
If you are a student with special needs (eg. Physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with the instructor and/or contact the Special Needs Office, Room E1204, Ext 493, 717, 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.
- **Retention of Course Outlines**
It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other post-secondary institutions.

VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

See the ECE Field Work Policies for details.